

Claims

1. Process for the preparation of a spoonable, soured non-dairy cream comprising from 5 to 35 wt% fat, from 0.05 to 15 wt% protein, 0.01 to 3 wt% biopolymer, said cream product having a pH value between 4.0 and 5.8 said process comprising the steps of
 - (a) preparation of an aqueous premix comprising at least protein and preferably fat
 - (b) heating the mixture obtained in step (a)
 - (c) acidification to a pH from 4.0 to 5.8
 - (d) mixing in of a biopolymer
 - (e) heating the mixture obtained in step (d)
 - (f) cooling to a temperature below 20 °C.
2. Process according to claim 1 wherein after step (a) or (b) the obtained mixture is homogenised at a pressure of between 100 and 400 bar, preferably at a temperature above the melting point of the fat.
3. Process according to any of claims 1-2 wherein the mixture of step (e) is homogenised before step (f), preferably at a pressure of between 100 and 400 bar, and preferably at a temperature above the melting point of the fat.
4. Process according to any of claims 1-3 wherein biopolymer is selected from the group comprising carrageenan, tara gum, guar gum, locust bean gum, gellan, alginate, methylcellulose, pectin, xanthan gum or a combination thereof.

5. Non-dairy cream obtainable by the process according to any of claims 1-4.
6. Spoonable soured non-dairy cream comprising a dispersed oil phase and a continuous aqueous phase said cream comprising from 5 to 35 wt% fat, said fat being either a vegetable oil or marine oil or a combination thereof; from 0.05 to 15 wt% protein in the form of a protein phase, 0.01 to 3 wt% biopolymer, said cream having a pH value between 4.0 and 5.8, wherein the cream comprises a phase separated water phase comprising a biopolymer phase and a protein phase, wherein the phase volume of the biopolymer phase is from 10 to 60 vol% on total product volume.
7. Spoonable soured non-dairy cream according to claim 6 wherein the phase volume of the biopolymer phase is from 10 to 40 vol%, preferably from 20 to 40 vol% on total product volume.
8. Spoonable non-dairy cream according to any of claims 6-7 wherein the viscosity of the biopolymer phase is from 10 to 20 mPa.s at a shear rate of 100 s^{-1} determined at 40°C .